

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

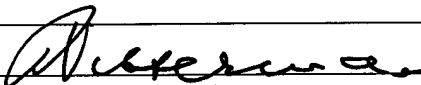
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	NL10/21521	
	Filing Date	September 24, 2002	
	First Named Inventor	ODERWALD, Michiel Peter	
	Group Art Unit		
	Examiner Name		
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	Vereenigde P59US

22389 U.S. PAT. & TM. OFF.
10/670143
09/24/03

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts /Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ Remarks	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): Express Mail Certificate, Specification and Drawings, Charge Deposit Account in the amount of \$375.00

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual Name	VARNUM, RIDDERING, SCHMIDT & HOWLETT LLP PETER VISSERMAN
Signature	
Date	9/24/03

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this date:			
Typed or printed name			
Signature		Date	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ODERWALD, Michiel Peter and VIS, Andreas Gerardus

For: MACHINE AND METHOD FOR BUNCHING PLANT STEMS

Appl. No.: NL10/21521

Filing Date: September 24, 2002

Docket No.: Vereenigde P59US

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

"Express Mail" Mailing Label No.:
EL 635613138 US

Date of Deposit: September 24, 2003

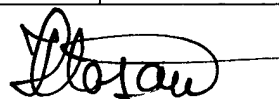
Sir:

I hereby certify that the documents listed below are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration for Patent Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Check attached for \$375.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due
<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Application for Patent Cover Transmittal <input type="checkbox"/> Specification ___ Pages <input type="checkbox"/> Claims ___ Pages	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Cover Letter <input type="checkbox"/> IDS PTO 1449 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 References	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Correction
<input type="checkbox"/> Design/Utility Application Transmittal <input type="checkbox"/> Specification ___ Pages <input type="checkbox"/> Claims ___ Pages	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> ___ References	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Fee Payment
<input type="checkbox"/> PCT <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal Letter to the United States Receiving Office <input type="checkbox"/> PCT Fee Calculation Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> PCT Request (___ Pages) <input type="checkbox"/> PCT General Power of Attorney Cover Letter <input type="checkbox"/> PCT General Power of Attorney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to Official Draftsman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Itemized Postcard
<input type="checkbox"/> Request Transmittal (RCE or CPA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts /Incomplete Application	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	Preliminary Amendment PCT Publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	

Dated: _____

9/24/03



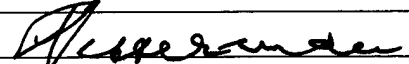
VARNUM, RIDDERING, SCHMIDT & HOWLETT LLP
Bridgewater Place
Post Office Box 352
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501-0352
(616) 336-6000

09/24/03 17589 U.S. PTO

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

SEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001 Patent fees are subject to annual revision. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Complete if Known		
		Application Number	NL10/21521	
		Filing Date	September 24, 2002	
		First Named Inventor	ODERWALD, Michiel Peter	
		Examiner Name		
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)		375.00	Art Unit	
			Attorney Docket No.	Vereenigde P59US

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deposit Account #: 22-0257 Deposit Acct Name: Varnum, Riddering et al.				FEE CALCULATION (continued)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1. BASIC FILING FEE <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="2">Large Entity</th><th colspan="2">Small Entity</th><th rowspan="2">Fee Description</th><th rowspan="2">Fee Paid</th></tr><tr><th>Fee Code</th><th>Fee (\$)</th><th>Fee Code</th><th>Fee (\$)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1001</td><td>750</td><td>2001</td><td>375</td><td>Utility filing fee</td><td>375.00</td></tr><tr><td>1002</td><td>330</td><td>2002</td><td>165</td><td>Design filing fee</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1003</td><td>520</td><td>2003</td><td>260</td><td>Plant filing fee</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1004</td><td>750</td><td>2004</td><td>375</td><td>Reissue filing fee</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1005</td><td>160</td><td>2005</td><td>80</td><td>Provisional filing fee</td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="5">SUBTOTAL (1)</td><td>(\$) 375.00</td></tr></tbody></table>				Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	375.00	1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee		1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee		1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee		1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee		SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$) 375.00	3. ADDITIONAL FEES <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="2">Large Entity</th><th colspan="2">Small Entity</th><th rowspan="2">Fee Description</th><th rowspan="2">Fee Paid</th></tr><tr><th>Fee Code</th><th>Fee (\$)</th><th>Fee Code</th><th>Fee (\$)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1051</td><td>130</td><td>2051</td><td>65</td><td>Surcharge - late filing fee or oath</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1052</td><td>50</td><td>2052</td><td>25</td><td>Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1053</td><td>130</td><td>1053</td><td>130</td><td>Non-English specification</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1812</td><td>2,520</td><td>1812</td><td>2,520</td><td>For filing a request for reexamination</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1804</td><td>920*</td><td>1804</td><td>920*</td><td>Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1805</td><td>1,840*</td><td>1805</td><td>1,840*</td><td>Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1251</td><td>110</td><td>2251</td><td>55</td><td>Extension for reply within first month</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1252</td><td>410</td><td>2252</td><td>205</td><td>Extension for reply within second month</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1253</td><td>930</td><td>2253</td><td>465</td><td>Extension for reply within third month</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1254</td><td>1,450</td><td>2254</td><td>725</td><td>Extension for reply within fourth month</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1255</td><td>1,970</td><td>2255</td><td>985</td><td>Extension for reply within fifth month</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1401</td><td>320</td><td>2401</td><td>160</td><td>Notice of Appeal</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1402</td><td>320</td><td>2402</td><td>160</td><td>Filing a brief in support of an appeal</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1403</td><td>280</td><td>2403</td><td>140</td><td>Request for oral hearing</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1451</td><td>1,510</td><td>1451</td><td>1,510</td><td>Petition to institute a public use proceeding</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1452</td><td>110</td><td>2452</td><td>55</td><td>Petition to revive - unavoidable</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1453</td><td>1,280</td><td>2453</td><td>640</td><td>Petition to revive - unintentional</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1501</td><td>1,300</td><td>2501</td><td>650</td><td>Utility issue fee (or reissue)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1502</td><td>470</td><td>2502</td><td>235</td><td>Design issue fee</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1503</td><td>630</td><td>2503</td><td>315</td><td>Plant issue fee</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1460</td><td>130</td><td>1460</td><td>130</td><td>Petitions to the Commissioner</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1807</td><td>50</td><td>1807</td><td>50</td><td>Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1806</td><td>180</td><td>1806</td><td>180</td><td>Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>8021</td><td>40</td><td>8021</td><td>40</td><td>Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1809</td><td>740</td><td>2809</td><td>370</td><td>Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1810</td><td>740</td><td>2810</td><td>370</td><td>For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1801</td><td>740</td><td>2801</td><td>370</td><td>Request for Continued Examination (RCE)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1802</td><td>900</td><td>1802</td><td>900</td><td>Request for expedited examination of a design application</td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="5">Other fee (specify)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="5">*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid</td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="5">SUBTOTAL (3)</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>				Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath		1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet		1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification		1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination		1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action		1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month		1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month		1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month		1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month		1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month		1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal		1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing		1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable		1453	1,280	2453	640	Petition to revive - unintentional		1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)		1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee		1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee		1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner		1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)		1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt		8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)		1809	740	2809	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))		1810	740	2810	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))		1801	740	2801	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application		Other fee (specify)						*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid						SUBTOTAL (3)					
Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	375.00																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$) 375.00																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1453	1,280	2453	640	Petition to revive - unintentional																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1809	740	2809	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1810	740	2810	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1801	740	2801	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Other fee (specify)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
SUBTOTAL (3)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="2">Total Claims</th><th colspan="2">Extra Claims</th><th colspan="2">Fee from below</th><th colspan="2">Fee Paid</th></tr><tr><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Independent</td><td></td><td>-20**=</td><td></td><td>X</td><td></td><td>=</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Claims</td><td></td><td>-3**=</td><td></td><td>X</td><td></td><td>=</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Multiple Dependent</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>=</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table> <p>**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="2">Large Entity</th><th colspan="2">Small Entity</th><th rowspan="2">Fee Description</th><th rowspan="2">Fee Paid</th></tr><tr><th>Fee Code</th><th>Fee (\$)</th><th>Fee Code</th><th>Fee (\$)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1202</td><td>18</td><td>2202</td><td>9</td><td>Claims in excess of 20</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1201</td><td>84</td><td>2201</td><td>42</td><td>Independent claims in excess of 3</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1203</td><td>280</td><td>2203</td><td>140</td><td>Multiple dependent claim, if not paid</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1204</td><td>84</td><td>2204</td><td>42</td><td>** Reissue independent claims over original patent</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1205</td><td>18</td><td>2205</td><td>9</td><td>** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent</td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="5">SUBTOTAL (2)</td><td>(\$)</td></tr></tbody></table>				Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid										Independent		-20**=		X		=		Claims		-3**=		X		=		Multiple Dependent						=		Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20		1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3		1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent		1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		SUBTOTAL (2)					(\$)																																																																																																																																																																
Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
Independent		-20**=		X		=																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
Claims		-3**=		X		=																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
Multiple Dependent						=																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
SUBTOTAL (2)					(\$)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				

SUBMITTED BY: VARNUM, RIDDERING, SCHMIDT & HOWLETT LLP				Complete (if applicable)	
Name (Print/Type)	Peter Visserman	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	25,185	Telephone	616/336-6000
Signature		Date	9/24/03		

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

If you need assistance in completing this form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.